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Rome, Nov. 23.

THE Pope being informed that bad Bread was distributed to the Poor at his Procession of St. John de Lateran, was extremely wroth, and soundly rattled his Ministers thereupon, who thereby endangered the Loss of their Places: For his Holiness's Fondness for the Poor passes Belief. He thereupon call'd a particular Chamber Congregation next Morning, and made a Harangue in favour of the Poor, really becoming the Deputy of Heaven; wishing that the Great would consider, that the least Man here is as dear to GOD as the greatest, and in all Appearance greater: or why was the Gospel first preached to the Poor, which pronounces such dreadful Woes to the Rich?

There were distributed on this Occasion Fourscore Thousand Giulios worth of Bread; each Giulio being ten Roman Pence.

The Son of the late Rabbi of the Jews Tranquil Qorquos, who is lately converted to Christianity, presented last Day to the Pope a large Quantity of precious Pales wrought in little Figures; he received them, and immediately sent them to the Hospital of the Holy Trinity, to be distributed to the Poor Convalescent there: This good Bishop's Heart is so constantly bent to comfort the Poor and Afflicted.

Cardinal Bentivoglio sent a Regale to the Pope, of four great Pots of Spanish Snuff, two of Havana, and two of Seville, which he accepted, tho' he takes no Snuff. *So the Cardinal could not take the Pope by the Nose, as they say St. Dunstan did the Devil.*

On Wednesday was a Termination of the Affairs of the Cardinals Fini and Coscia: The former was excused as to the Affairs of Savoy, as being an Iron Head, hot and heavy like a Taylor's Goose; and as for his extravagant Indorsations or Subscriptions as Auditor of the late Pope, that goes imputed to his Ignorance: And the latter is quit for his Resignation of the Abbk of Benevento, with a Fine at his Holiness's Disposal. And as for his Brother the Bishop of Targa, 80,000 Louis d'or are lodged at Vienna, to secure the Imperial Patronage. *Men are hang'd for Thieving, because they have not stolen enough to secure them from the Gallows, and to cut a Figure, insulting the Publick which they have plundred: And how can the Publick in this Case help itself after it's Effects are sold? When suddenly snatch'd or surprized, they may be recovered; but never after they are sold. Why wonder at* Esau *for selling his Birthright for a Mess of Pottage, when we see great Nations doing the same both wittingly and willingly, tho' this Iniquity be like the first Sin, for which not only the present Age, but all Posterity must suffer?*

The same Day, in the Square of Apolinaris, two Lackeys, belonging to Cardinal de Polignack and the Duke de Salviati, fought Sword in Hand, and one of them was wounded. *One would think it high Time for Noblemen and Gentlemen to drop this brutal Practice, when their Lackeys take it up. And Men, when they cease to forget their Prerogative above Beasts, will place Shame upon the Doer, and Honour upon the Forgiver of an Injury.*

Paris, Decem. 27. We learn from Rome, That the Jesuites on the 30th past, chose Father Francis Retza their General; he was their Commissary-General, and is a Native of Bohemia.

Wye's Letter Verbatim, London, Decem. 24.

Since our last arrived a Mail from France.

OBservations on the *Craftsman* of Saturday last are published in the *Daily Courant* of this Day; wherein the Observator, taking notice of what the Writers of the said *Craftsman* would propose to have done, namely, the repealing of the Septennial Bill, says he is firmly perswaded, notwithstanding the late glorious Act against Bribery, there will be found the same Reasons and Necessity for the Continuance of this Act, as there were for the making it. And as to the Reduction of the Army, he, after citing the Words of the last *Craftsman* upon that Head, particularly, "That Tyrants only want such Supports; good Kings are secure in the

" the Affections of their People," makes the following Remarks. " The memorable Expreſſion " which a certain Gentleman not long ago was " pleaſed to make uſe of againſt Armies, is very ap- " plicable to this Occaſion, and ought never to be " forgot, ſince it appears now, from the joint La- " bour of this laſt *Craſtſman*, he ſpoke not only his " own Senſe, but the Senſe of his Party, tho' not " one of them had the Courage to eſpouſe his Cauſe " at that Time, viz. *Force only belongs to Tyrants and " Uſurpers.*"

The Negotiations of the Marquis de Caſtelar, the Spaniſh Ambaſſador Extraordinary to the Court of France, is a Subject of the greateſt Attention, in as much as the Operations of War, or the Continuance of Peace, ſeems entirely to depend upon them. After a General Council, held Yeſterday at St. James's on Affairs of Importancy, broke up, one of his Majeſty's Meſſengers was diſpatched to his Excellency Mr. Keene at the Court of Spain.

The above Mail brought nothing pacifick; on the contrary, the Letters from Paris aſſure, that ſeveral Camps will be formed againſt next Spring, and that his Moſt Chriſtian Majeſty had actually given Orders for making the neceſſary Proviſions. Thoſe from Cadiz of the 12th continue to mention the Detention of the Flota's Treaſure, which is a great Diſappointment to the Merchants.

The Convocation of the Clergy met Yeſterday, and were further prorogued to the 17th Feb. next.

The Hon. Lady Dolbin, Wife of the Rev. Sir John Dolbin of Finedon in Northamptonſhire, died lately at Aix la Chapelle; and we hear Sir John's eldeſt Son and Daughter ly ill of the Small Pox in France.

They write from Norwich, that on Monday laſt 4 Highwaymen were brought into the Caſtle of that City, and that they are ſuppoſed to be ſome of the Incendiaries, great Quantities of Gun-powder having been found about them. Mean Time we hear nothing of the Practices of the Incendiaries in or about London, whoſe threatning Letters have been ſo common, that they are not, as we lately mentioned, regarded. As to the Letter which was ſent about a Week ago to Sir William Billers, one of our Aldermen, demanding Money of him, &c. is ſo little regarded by that Gentleman, that he walks about frequently without a Servant, only, that he carries, beſides his Sword, a large Oak Stick. Yeſterday the Rt. Hon. the Lord Middleſex, eldeſt Son to the Duke of Dorſet, embark'd at Dover, in a Packet-boat, for France, on his Travels. The Paper War ſeems to be carried to a great Height, and ſome are not a little inquiſitive as to the Iſſue, ſince it is apprehended that Perſons of no ſmall Rank are concerned, and, amongſt others, they talk of L--- C---.

The Eyes of all Europe are upon the Proceedings of the Britiſh Parliament in the approaching Seſſion, which no doubt will be carried on with the ſame Unanimity and Zeal, for the Service of his Majeſty and Government, as they have hitherto been.

According to the Accounts given of Burials and Chriſtnings within the Bills of Mortality for the laſt Year, it apperrs, that there were chriſtned, Males and Females, 17,118, buried, Males and Females, 26,761 (decreaſed in the Burials this Year 2961.

From the Evening Poſts, Decem. 24.

Dreſden, Dec. 17. The King of Poland reſolving to build a Town at his Country Seat a League from Warſaw, has iſſued his Royal Proclamation, promiſing to all Roman Catholick Families in Germany, of what Quality or Profeſſion ſoever, who incline to ſettle there, a certain Quantity of Ground to build on, with divers other Privileges.

Hague, Dec. 26. Their H. Mightineſſes, conſidering the Deſigns of Spain, and the Views of Cardinal Fleury, are reſolved to perform their Engagements by the Seville Treaty, without going one Step further; wherein they agree exactly with the K. of Great Britain, but then they are widely diſtant from the Views of France, which is not for doing Things by Halves, but attacking the Emperor on all Sides; but his Britannick Majeſty has a juſt Regard for his German Dominions, as it is apparently the Intereſt of this State to keep the War at a Diſtance from our Frontiers. We wiſh theſe two oppoſite Plans may not occaſion freſh Broils among the Seville Allies, which is the more to be feared, becauſe the Spaniards have cut off all Communication with Gibraltar, and rejected the Propoſitions of Mr. Keene.

Copenhagen, Dec. 12. They write from Stockholm, that the 8000 Swedes paid by the Seville Allies, are new-cloathed, and have received Orders to keep in a Readineſs to march at an Hour's Warning.

Extract of a private Letter from Vienna

The Count von Plettenberg, Miniſter of the Elector of Cologn, is daily expected here, to commence a

a Suit againſt the K. of Pruſſia, for enliſting Men in the Territories of Cologn: But this is not a Time for the Imperial Court to take any Step that can be diſtaſteful to his Pruſſian Majeſty, whoſe Friendſhip is ſo charily cultivated, and reckoned of ſuch Importance to his Imperial Majeſty. On the contrary, 'tis even whiſpered, that his Pruſſian Majeſty has made it his Requeſt, That the ſecond Son of his Pruſſian Majeſty may come hither to be educated at the Imperial Court.

Venice, Dec. 16. The Count de Schuylemberg, who has ſerved this Republick theſe 15 Years as Field Marſhal General of it's Troops, is continued in that high Office.

Breſlaw, Dec. 5. The Imperial Troops in this Dutchy are poſted along the Frontiers of Poland, extending as far as Brandenburg. Orders are arrived from Vienna, to make conſiderable Magazines, both here and in other Parts, of Grain and Ammunition, againſt next Spring. Couriers frequently paſs through here, going and coming betwixt Vienna and Warſaw.

Stockholm, Dec. 16. His Swediſh Majeſty has ſent Orders to Caſſel, to levy a new Regiment of Foot, conſiſting of 1800 Men, and another of Horſe, of 1200.

Paris, Dec. 18. We are aſſured the Venetian Ambaſſador is commiſſioned to treat of an Accommodation between the Courts of Spain and the Empire, and that ſeveral Powers, in conjunction with his Holineſs, interpoſe their good Offices for the ſame; yet all outward Appearances make a War unavoidable, ſince the Emperor remains inflexible, and the Seville Allies continue firm to their Engagements.

London, Dec. 24. On Thurſday next a Board of General Officers will be held at the Horſe Guards on Affairs of Importance, in reſpect to ſeveral Regulations that will be made in the Army: And we hear that ſeveral Officers are ordered to repair to their reſpective Poſts at Gibraltar and Portmahon.

By the laſt Letters from Conſtantinople to a Gentleman now in London, that reſided there many Years in a publick Capacity, it is adviſed, that the Janizaries had demanded peremptorily to declare War againſt the Chriſtians either in Ruſſia or Germany.

In a few Days the 3 Regiments of Foot Guards will be reviewed by their Commanding Officers, when we hear they will be reduced 10 Men out of each Company.

To morrow expires the Duty on Salt, ſo that we may expect in a little Time it will be ſold for about 2 s. per Buſhel.

A few Days ago have appeared ſome new Halfpence of King George II. in which, by ſome great Error, the R in GEORGIUS is omitted.

One Margaret Coe, of the Pariſh of St. Saviour, Southwark, died a few Days ſince, in the 104th Year of her Age. She was 21 Years old when K. Charles I. was beheaded, and was a Servant at Whitehall; ſhe ſaw the Executioner hold up the Head, after he had cut it off, and remembred the Groan that was made by the vaſt Number of Spectators, when the fatal Blow was given; her Huſband was afterwards Waterman to King Charles II. and kept his Fiſh-ponds in Southwark, which have ſince been filled up: She lived upon Milk diet for about twenty Years paſt, not eating Fleſh all that Time.

Yeſterday the Houſes of Convocation were prorogued by his Majeſty in Council to the 17th of February next.

The Earl of Cheſterfield is expected here from the Hague next Sunday.

Enſign Inglis, a Half-pay Officer, is made an Enſign in Col. Kane's Regiment.

S. S. Stock, 103, 7 8ths.

From the Daily Poſt-Boy, Decem. 24.

Rome, Nov. 29.

The Chevalier Gherardin, Grand Prior of England, is arrived here from Paris, to be preſent at the Trial about the Grand Priory of Malta; the Ambaſſador of Malta having been with the Judges, to examine the Reaſons that plead in favour of the Knights of Malta, among whom are ſtill preſerved all the Poſts of Honour formerly enjoy'd by the Britons, tho' theſe Poſts are not enjoyed by Britiſh Subjects.

Hague, Dec. 26. In the State of the War, which the Council of State carried in to the Aſſembly of the States General on Wedneſday laſt, they do not only intreat their High Mightineſſes Conſideration of the Ruinous Plight of the Navy, but urge the Neceſſity of augmenting the Land Forces, and repairing the Fortifications of the Frontier Places; the latter of which is of ſo great Importance, that the Council of State have already ordered conſiderable Additions to the Works of Nimeguen, if an intire Tenaille on the Town ſide, and a Ravelin on the Fieldſide, be deemed ſo.

Their High Mightineſſes flattter themſelves, that

that the Accession of the present King of Denmark to the Crown, would change the Face of Affairs; but it appears his Danish Majesty, who has the Trade of his Subjects much at Heart, retains the same Sentiments as his Father, with regard to this Republick: Wherefore their High Mightinesses being convinced, that the stumbling Block to a Reconciliation, is the heavy Duties laid upon Oxen imported from Jutland, are resolved to repeal the additional Duties of that Sort, to pave the Way for a Reconciliation, that so the Ships of this State may pass the Sound, upon easier Terms than they can do at present.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

¶†¶ These are to advertise, That the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Members of the *Edinburgh Friendly Insurance against Losses by Fire*, is to be held on Monday the Eleventh Day of January next, in Mary's Chapel in Niddery's Wynd, Edinburgh, at Three of the Clock after Noon.

†¶† That the Lands of *CARSKERDO*, holding of the Crown, and paying about *L.* 1000 Scots of Rent, beside what goes to the Minister and Schoolmaster, having a very convenient Mansionhouse lately built, with Officehouses; As also the Acres, Dwellinghouse, Dovecoat, Breweries, and other Houses in *CRAIGROTHY*, paying upwards of 200 Merks of yearly Rent, and holding Feu of the Family of *Crawford*; all lying in the Parish of Ceres in Fife, lately belonging to *John Melvil* of *Carskerdo*, and which were disponed by him to Trustees for Behoof of his Creditors: Are to be exposed to Sale by publick voluntar Roup, on Friday the Fifteenth of January next, betwixt the Hours of 3 & 4 after Noon, in the House of Mris. Herdman Vintner in Edinburgh. The Articles of Roup and Progress of Writs, are to be seen in the Hands of *Alexander Stevenson* of *Mountgreenan* Writer to the Signet, at his Writing chamber in the Parliament close. *Nota.* The Lands are to be set up at a very easy Rate.

¶*¶ That the annual *Silver Plate* of *L.* 30 Value, given by the Honourable Company of HUNTERS, is to be Run for on the Sands of Leith, upon Thursday the Thirty-first Day of December Instant, by any Hunting Horse, Mare or Gelding that has been in the Custody of any of the Companions for Six Months, and never gain'd a Prize in Plate or Money to the Value of *L.* 30 sterl. The other Articles are to be seen in the Hands of Mr. *Morgan* in Leith, where the Horses must be entred Two Days before the Starting.

All the Companions are desir'd to meet at Mr. *Morgan*'s about One of the Clock said 31st Day of December, to consult some Affairs of Importance.

This by Order of the PRESES and COUNCIL.

DAVID BAIRD *S.C.C.*

¶¶¶ That the Lands of CROSSWOODHILL, *alias* CORSETHILL, GREENBURN, and TODHILL, paying *L.* 369 06 08 Scots of yearly Rent; *Item*, the Lands of NORTH and SOUTH-COBINSHAWS, KEPSYKE, and BLACKHILL, paying of yearly Rent *L.* 646 06 08 Scots, with several Casualities belonging to these Farms; being Parts of the Barony of *MARJORIBANKS*, *alias WEST CALDER*, holding Blanche of the Crown; all lying within the Parish of West-Calder and Shire of Edinburgh: Are to be exposed to Sale, by publick voluntary Roup, upon Monday the Eleventh Day of January next, in the House of *Robert Brown* Vintner in Edinburgh, betwixt the Hours of 3 & 4 after Noon, either in Wholesale or in two Parcels as above. The Progress of Writs, Rental of the Lands, and Conditions of Roup, to be seen in the Hands of Mr. WILLIAM ROBERTSON Writer in Edinburgh, at his House in the Assembly-close.

N.B. The Lands are to be entred to Sale at Twenty-one Years Purchase of the free Rent.

†¶† *JOHN ROCHEAD*, at his Shop over-against the Tron-church, and at his Workhouse in Robinson's-close, Edinburgh; SELLS Malt Brandy at 20 Pence the Pint, Malt Spirits or Aquavitæ, at 16 Pence the Pint, Orange and Limon Brandies, and Irish Usquebaugh, at half-a-crown the Pint; and Fine Irish Usquebaugh, at Five Shillings sterl. the Pint; true Barbadoes Citron-water, at 10sh. a Bottle; finest Irish Usquebaugh, at 4 sh. the Bottle; also the fine *Cordial Bitter* for the Stomach, at Sixpence the Vial-bottle.

A reasonable Allowance is given to such as buy Quantities for Retail.

¶†¶ The Trustees for the Creditors of Colonel JAMES RUTHVEN (*alias* JOHNSTON) of GRAITNEY, having formerly given Notice, That they had paid off the preferable Creditors; and that they intended, at Candlemass next, to make a Dividend of the remaining Part of the Price of the Estate of *Graitney*, and the Rents uplifted out of the Estate of *Freeland*, to the Colonel's other Creditors; and for that Purpose, had intimate to the saids Creditors, to lodge their Grounds of Debt, with a just Accompt of what was truly due to each of them, in the Hands of *William Johnston* Writer in Edinburgh, Clerk to the said Trustees, betwixt and the First of October last bypast: And whereas severals of the saids Creditors have delayed to lodge their Claims in Manner foresaid, they are hereby yet desir'd to give them in, so as they can depone on the Verity of the samen, to the said *William Johnston*, betwixt and the First Day of February next; with Certification, That the saids Trustees will proceed to make the Dividend, without Regard to such Creditors as shall neglect to give in their Claims.

Exchequer, Nov. 19, 1730.

¶Notice is hereby given, by Order of the Right Honourable the BARONS OF EXCHEQUER, That they have Adjourned the Sale of the Arrears or Rests of the Estate of *William* late Earl of *Seaforth*, to the Third Day of February next 1731, in th' EXCHEQUER COURT, at Twelve of the Clock. Particulars whereof, and of the Terms of Sale, are to be seen in the Hands of the Deputy Remembrancer.

W. BOWLES, D. R. R.

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